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Amendments to the Drawings

Three (3) sheets of revised Formal Drawings are attached, with users 1 being properly labeled in FIGS. 1 and 6, and FIG. 4 being labeled "Background Art".

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided in the present application. Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 1 and 6 are amended, and claims 10-14 are added. Claims 1 and 6-9 are independent. Reconsideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

Objection to the Drawings

FIGS. 1 and 6 are objected-to because the character 2 has been used to designate both user and agency. In response three Sheets of revised Formal Drawings are attached, in order to properly label with users 1 in FIGS. 1 and 6, and to label FIG. 4 "Background Art".

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §102(e) and §103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dane et al. (WO 99/19811);

claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hertling (U.S. 6,757,741); and

claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dane in view of Fredlund et al. (U.S. 5,666,215).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Amendments to Independent Claims 1 and 6

Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, independent claim 1 is amended to recite a combination of elements directed to an output service system, including

at least one client including a personal computer for generating order information for ordering output of material data from a storage location in the personal computer; and

at least one output server for outputting the material data from the personal computer based on the order information provided from the client or clients,

the order information including a pointer for indicating the storage location of the material data in the personal computer; and

the output server or output servers obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer based on the pointer included in the order information.

In addition, independent claim 6 is amended to recite a combination of elements directed to a computer-readable recording medium storing order information for ordering output of material data stored in a personal computer of a client, the order information including a pointer for indicating a storage

location of the material data, the pointer indicating the storage location of the material data in the personal computer of the client.

In contrast to claims 1 and 6 of the present invention, the Dane document merely discloses a server 10 (rather than a personal computer) for storing images. Further, the Dane document fails to disclose that a pointer indicates a storage location of the data in the personal computer of the client.

Further, as can be seen in Hertling FIG. 2 and column 5, lines 22-63, this document merely discloses a client 106 that generates a print job ticket 303 that includes the address of the client 106 on the network 103. Job ticket 303 is not the same as the pointer of the present invention.

At least for the reason set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record, including Dane and Hertling, fails to teach or suggest the unique combination of elements set forth each of independent claims 1 and 6.

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 6 are in condition for allowance.

Arguments Regarding Independent Claims 7-9

Applicant again submits that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the unique combination of elements of claim 7, including the feature(s) of: "outputting material data according to order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of

a client, the order output method comprising the steps of: obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information.” Accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the unique combination of elements of claim 8, including the feature(s) of: “outputting material data according to order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the order output apparatus comprising: acquisition means for obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information.” Accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the unique combination of elements of claim 9, including the feature(s) of: “outputting material data based on order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the program comprising the procedures of: obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information.” Accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

As pointed out above, in contrast to independent claims 7, 8, and 9 of the present invention, the Dane document merely discloses a server 10 (rather than a personal computer) for storing images. Further, the Dane document fails to disclose that a pointer indicates a storage location of the data in the personal computer of the client.

Further as argued above, and as can be seen in Hertling FIG. 2 and column 5, lines 22-63, this document merely discloses a client 106 that generates a print job ticket 303 that includes the address of the client 106 on the network 103. Job ticket 303 sent from client 106 is not the same as the pointer of the present invention.

At least for the reason set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record, including Dane and Hertling, fails to teach or suggest the unique combination of elements set forth each of independent claims 7, 8, and 9.

As to dependent claims 2-5 and 10-14, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable due to their dependence upon an allowable independent claim, as well as for additional limitations originally provided by these claims.

For example, neither of the Dane document nor the Hertling document suggests "an agency sending a receipt confirmation to the personal computer of the client."

Therefore, all claims of this application are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state-of-the-art, no further comments are deemed necessary with respect thereto.

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and § 1.17 for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action. The Extension of Time Fee in the amount of **\$120** has been paid in connection this Reply.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Carl T. Thomsen, Registration No. 50,786 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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Respectfully submitted,

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